

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the East Orange County Water District (“EOCWD”) Board of Directors (“Board”) previously passed and adopted, on September 20, 2007, Ordinance 2007-1 to establish, in accordance with California Water Code Sections 20200, *et seq.*, compensation for individual members (“Directors”) of the Board for each day’s attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day’s service rendered as a Director at the request of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2007-1 established compensation for the Board at a rate of \$175 per day for attendance at meetings of the Board and \$125 per day for each day’s service rendered at the request of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has not changed the compensation amount for meetings since 2007, a period of fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Board is permitted to increase compensation, through adoption of an ordinance, by an amount of no more than five percent for each calendar year since the last increase; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide additional clarification and definition as to those meetings that are compensable meetings, reimbursable pursuant to this Ordinance and in accordance with Water Code Section 20200, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to clarify and define compensation entitlements in connection with committee and agency appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose. This Ordinance is enacted to (1) authorize an increase in the compensation per day for Directors of the Board as permitted pursuant to Water Code Section 20200 *et seq.*, and (2) fully define the nature of compensable meetings.

Section 2: Increase of Compensation. The amount of compensation to each Director for attendance at a “Compensable Meeting,” as defined in Section 3, shall be \$175 per day of service for all meetings..

Section 3: Compensable Meetings. The performance of official duties for which a Director may receive per diem compensation for a Compensable Meeting shall include:

- A. Attendance at any regular or special meetings of the EOCWD Board;
- B. Attendance at a meeting of any committee or ad hoc committee of the Board. Such committees may include the Engineering & Operations Committee and the Administration & Finance Committee.
- C. Attendance at meetings of agencies or groups for which the Director has been appointed by the Board. Such agencies shall include Orange County Water District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, Association of California Water Agencies, Local Agency Formation Commission, Independent Special Districts of Orange County and Water Advisory Committee of Orange County, and such other agencies as may be approved by the Board President.
- D. Attendance at other meetings, conferences and seminars when approved in advance by the Board of Directors.
- E. Attendance at other meetings, conferences and seminars when approved in advance by the Board President.

Section 4: Teleconferencing. Participation at any public agency meeting that is covered under Section 3 by teleconference, or equivalent means, shall be considered as a day of service for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Limitations.

- A. The fee paid to Directors shall be made for no more than one meeting per day of service, and the maximum number of days for which any Director may receive compensation pursuant to this Ordinance shall be ten (10) in any calendar month.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Ordinance, any Director that receives compensation from any other entity for attendance and/or participation at any meeting, conference, seminar, or other activity identified in Section 3 shall not be compensated by EOCWD for the same activity.

Section 6. Director Reimbursements. In addition to the compensation described in Section 2 of this Ordinance and subject to applicable State law, Directors expenses shall be reimbursed if they are reasonable and necessary to conduct EOCWD's business pursuant to provisions of EOCWD's reimbursement policies adopted by the Board, as then in effect.

Section 7. Appointments. Board members will be assigned Committee and Agency appointments in January of each year following the election of a Board President and Vice President in December of the preceding year. The Board President is delegated to make such appointments. The Board President may appoint alternate representatives in addition to each regular representative assigned to an agency of committee, however, the alternate representative shall not be entitled to per diem compensation when the designated representative is also present. For each meeting described above in Section 2, the compensated Board member shall provide a brief report on the meeting attended at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Amendment shall be effective upon sixty (60) days after adoption, and shall supersede Ordinance No. 2007-1 upon the Effective Date thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2021, by the Board of the East Orange County Water District.

EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT



Douglass S. Davert,
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson
Secretary of the Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ORANGE)


I, JEFFREY A. HOSKINSON, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2021-01 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a Regular Meeting of said District held on December 16, 2021, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: BELL, DULEBOHN, MURDOCH, SEARS

NOES: DAVERT

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson, Secretary
EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT and
of the Board of Directors thereof